

MEMPHIS ITEMS.

SCHOOLS—The junior city school for girls reported on Wednesday last—Mrs. Smith, teacher.

THE LATEST.—Our newspaper dates are to the 26th inst., for which we are indebted to the kind remembrance of friends above.

DISCHARGED.—G. C. Keer and George W. McCarthy, of St. Louis, who were arrested at the Gayman house for having a large quantity of broken and worthless bank notes in their possession, were discharged, after holding

with a cool, bracing wind from the North. The river was falling slowly, not with high water yet. Business

ENJOYED ITSELF—Police Captain Brannan and Lieutenant O'Brien, arrested a deserter from the 8th Missouri regiment, named H.M.; a letter, written by him to a friend in Missouri, was found in his pocket, stating:

DANGEROUS.—The *Bulletin* says that when the houses have been pulled down on Shelby street, below

balloons, several windows have been left open and raised. It is feared that some of the neighboring children, when at play, or persons passing in the dark, may fall in. The authorities are called upon to have them covered.

are sold freely for transactions in cotton, which continues to go on to some extent. Tennessee raised at par to 25 per cent premium. Small notes on Tennessee banks moved freely. Southern money quoted dull at 70 to 80; Kentucky notes at 5 to 10 per cent., and Ohio and Indiana at 2 to 5 per cent. premium.

THE TAX QUESTION SETTLED.—The *Baltimore* of the 26th says: We learn that the present revenue of the city is not at all equal to meeting the current expenses. To obviate this difficulty, we hear it stated that new regulations will soon be adopted, which will require that the owners of all improved real estate shall pay the taxes on their own property. The government will

SMALL POX HOSPITAL.—The mayor and council are at loggerheads over this institution. The owner of small pox in the city bids on the German, and white men

the city council, in a spirit of laudable economy, resolved that the very few patients on hand should be turned over to the care of Dr. Oranstraf, physician of the city hospital, and an addition being made to the Doctor's salary, as a just compensation for the additional labor imposed upon him. The Doctor had been engaged

only three days of his new sphere of labor, when the mayor, by an exercise of authority, the source of which he cannot imagine, ordered him to suspend his professional attentions to the small poor patients. A majority of the members of the city council signed a paper expressing their desires that Dr. Cramer should continue to exercise the duties imposed upon him, as long as

CHINA.—D. McComb had a horse stolen from him about a few nights since. Joe Myers, better known as Joe, the butcher, was up on the charge of carrying concealed weapons. He is also charged, along with S. Hall, with having stolen from the store of Messrs. Hart & Co. on Front row, between Madison and 11th.

streets, a quantity of clothing, tobacco, &c., and other articles. At the recorder's court on the 23d there were no less than thirty-two cases, and the fines paid in amounted to \$173. On the evening of the 25th a thief entered the door, it being unlocked, of No. 6 Walker's block, Main street, between Madison and Court, and robbed the gentleman occupying the apartment of the

book, containing \$10. It was earlier than he was in the habit of retiring for the night, and belatedly laid down to rest a few minutes, but soon fell asleep. While in that condition some one, supposed to be a person well acquainted with the premises, quietly stole in and relieved him of the contents of his pocket. Hereafter he still sleep with his eyes open or his door fast shut.

CITY FINANCES.—The question of taxation continues to agitate the public, and particularly the city fathers. We find the following paragraph in the *Examiner*, of the 24th:

short of meeting the expenditures of the city, and declaring that it is necessary that taxes should be collected from real estate. And these cannot be withdrawn until the first of July, and then not until an order be that effect shall be procured from court. The mayor suggests that an application should be made for a restraining order, compelling the owners of real estate, except when their property consists in vacant lots, to pay the amounts assessed without delay that follow the final legal steps.

views on the matter. We have an two or three educationists called attention to the fact that the business portion of our citizens were made to pay the whole expense of the city government, while the owners of real estate were bearing no share of the public burden. We also pointed out that the attempt made some time ago to get up a corporation which should have had for its object the filling of the deficiency that would be left by the failure to collect the new city taxes. Thanks to

the spirit of the times, and in the position assumed by Gen. Sherman, the shipbuilders receive neither aid, and now it is found, notwithstanding the exemption of suburban taxes and extra taxes, that other tax relief cannot pay, as it ought to do, the just proportion towards the public expenses. If the tax had been assessed and collected as it was in former years, our city treasury would, at this moment, have thousands of dollars in it that have not now been collected. If the custom of former years had been adhered to, the city treasury

city real estate tax would be a large portion of the city real estate tax would have been paid by the free action of real estate owners, who must now be compelled, by military action, to do that by order they would have done willingly. The business of necessity, we might necessarily say wantonly, bringing the real estate owners under the dominion of harsh force and authority by those whom they had elected to watch over and protect their interests with money as a popular measure among them. But the mayor's

Commission says the payment of the taxes on real estate cannot be legally enforced until June 1st is true, but it is also true that in previous years very heavy proportions of the city tax was paid, and to the city treasury before June; and it is also true that the means by which the payments were obtained before that day—we mean the allowance of a percentage on all tax payments, made before that date, were as thoroughly estimated last year as on any previous year. There never was a want of

was so important to obtain an early payment of thirty tax as this year, for there never was a year before which the imposition of such taxes and extra taxes were found necessary; yet on this year the making good assessment on real estate was postponed far beyond the usual time, and the offer of the usual discount for early payments was entirely neglected. We have directed attention to this matter, because we are of opinion that the observation of a scrutinizing public eye will be of great service to the State.

Seizure of a Vessel at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16, 1893.—The fast schooner *Chapman*, when leaving for Mexico yesterday, was boarded by the government officials, and taken in charge as a privateer. About twenty secessionists were captured on board, all armed, and six brass Dahlgren guns, with cartridges suitable for use on ships. C. W. C.

dependence on the persons of the prisoners identified them with the persons recently negotiating for the steamer Victoria for a privateer. The prisoners were confined at Fort Alcazar. Any more arrivals are likely to follow. The schooner Chapman, seized by the officials yesterday, arrived lately from New York, and

purchase are by arsonists. The prince confess that a full complement of men have been taken on board at a rendezvous down the coast. They hoped to capture a steamer Oregon while en route for Mexico, transfer a portion of the Chapman's crew on board, and then use the Oregon to help capture the two California treasure steamers before the

A gentleman from Pointe Coupee reports that the Abolitionists have made their appearance again in the parish, and this time carried with them all the engines, wagons, mules, &c., belonging to Mr. Ennis Tarter, who re-

Secretary Seward, in his efforts to catch

...that was falling from where he had
...it, out the palm of his hand so severely
...that he will probably require an amputation to
...his writing for some time to come.